

REMARKS

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects claims 1-9, 14 and 15 as unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 9-11 of the '471 patent because "the instant claims correspond to a method of using an apparatus claimed in the '471 patent, and the method of using the apparatus follows inherently and necessarily from the claimed structure in the '471 patent." The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may overcome this rejection.

US6770471: Applicants dispute that a terminal disclaimer is required, but in order to advance the prosecution file herewith a terminal disclaimer for the '471 patent and believe the objection to claims 10-13 are overcome.

In view of the above remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, and request same.

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